

Setting up an Unit of Indian Telephone Industries in Bihar*[English]***2286. SHRI UPENDRANATH****VERMA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an Indian Telephone Industries Unit in Bihar;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, there are no plans to set up any new unit of Indian Telephone Industries Limited.

Adulteration of Pesticides

2287. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large scale adulteration of pesticides in the country;

(b) the number of adulteration cases reported during the last three years; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There are no reports about large scale adulteration of pesticides in the country. However, 3.7% to 4.9% of the pesticides samples drawn by Insecticide Inspectors notified under the Insecticides Act 1968 have been found to be sub-standard.

(b) The number of samples analysed and found sub-standard during the last three years is as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Samples Analysed</i>	<i>Found sub-standard</i>	<i>% sub-standard</i>
1987-88	38053	1402	3.7
1988-89	34912	1312	3.9
1989-90	41267	2031	4.9

(c) The State Governments have notified functionaries for the enforcement of the Insecticides Act, 1968. The Insecticides Inspectors notified under the Act regularly draw the samples of pesticides and send the same to the Insecticides Analysts for testing. A network of 39 State Pesticides Testing Laboratories is avail-

able in the country with an analysis capacity of more than 44,000 samples per annum. The Central Government has also notified a Central Insecticides Laboratory as a referee laboratory. The progress of the quality control efforts made by the States and U.Ts is periodically reviewed by the Union Ministry of Agriculture for improving the qualities of pesticides manufactured & sold in the country.